

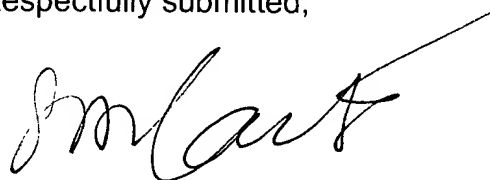
REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 17 to correct an informality in the claim language.

Applicant has further added new claims 21 through 38 to further capture the subject matter of the present invention. No new matter has been added.

All the claims presently on file in the present application are in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If it is felt for any reason that direct communication would serve to advance prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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